



Spring Newsletter I 06/01/2017

Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first school newsletter of 2017! We all had fun on the first day back with the launch of the new topic 'Back to the Future' and enjoyed seeing the various mad scientist costumes and crazy hairstyles (see overleaf)! If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile phone for Christmas, please inform the school office of any change of number. Thank you.

In class this week

Holly Class Holly class had great fun experimenting with ice balloons this week and looking at how things melt. They have been practising number bonds up to 10 in Maths.

Oak Class Oak class have been studying compact and expanded addition and subtraction in their Maths lessons this week. In Literacy they have been writing poems about monsters. They discovered monsters hidden in ice balloons during their investigations into melting, using salt. In Science the children have been looking at light and dark, including sources of light.

Sycamore Class Sycamore class have been working with equivalent fractions and converting fractions into percentages and decimals. In Literacy they have begun work on mystery and ghost stories. In RE, the children have been learning about the story of Creation through art. In Science, Sycamore have been learning about the classification of living things and grouping them into different kingdoms.

Dinner Money

Please remember to send in dinner money payments **on Monday each week if possible please.**

Children's Society Collection – Christingle Candle Boxes

The card candles for collecting pennies for the Children's Society are now due back. Please return by **MONDAY 9th January**. Thank you.

Woodland Adventures (Forest Schools)

This will continue this term for Oak Class and Holly Class every Monday; due to the cold weather, each class will have an hour each. With swimming starting again on Monday 9th January, children in **Y1, 3 and 4 may come to school in their outdoor clothing**, although I suggest they bring extra layers for when they go outside to work. Don't forget wellies, hats, scarves and **GLOVES**. Reception class children will need to bring their Woodland Adventure clothes and wellies in a named bag **every Monday please.**

Please could all Holly Class children also have a spare pair of socks in their reading packets at all times to change into if needed.

Swimming

Swimming will start on Monday 9th January for all children in years 1 to 5. Please remember swimming kits each Monday. The cost per child is £15. Please send monies in a named envelope marked 'Swimming' if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Ukulele

This resumes on Tuesdays for years 4,5 and 6. Please remember to bring your instruments!

PE

Thursday PE lessons this term will be Gymnastics at the village hall. Please could your children wear shorts or leggings (under black or navy jogging bottoms) for this activity, as requested by Mr Wing. Holly class – come in PE kit every **Thursday** please. Oak class – come in PE kit every **Tuesday and Thursday** please. Sycamore class – come in PE kit every **Tuesday and Thursday** please.

Mad Science Special Assembly

Special Assembly next Friday 13th January is at the earlier time of 2.30pm, to incorporate a 'Spectacular Science Demo' by 'Mad Science'. This is a new after school club we may launch this term, depending on the numbers of children interested. Please see the letter sent home in book bags.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are still urgently in need of a midday supervisor. Staff are helping out in the meantime, but this will not be sustainable as they have teaching commitments and need a lunch break themselves. **Please help us all you can in finding someone.** We have made enquiries about advertising in local newspapers which would cost around £200 and we would like to avoid this cost if possible. I have therefore attached an advert to the newsletter this week. Please will **every family** do their bit to help by displaying these at work, in supermarkets, village halls, church halls, etc. or pass on to anyone you think may be interested. Thank you.

Roll of Honour

Congratulations to Connie Edwards for her recent achievement with the Trevonne school of dance. Connie, Olivia White and Emily Shaw all performed beautifully in the pantomime 'Rapunzel' at the Melton Theatre in December. At the end of the shows, Connie was presented with the 'Most Promising Junior' award. Well done Connie, - we are very proud of you!

Punctuation and Grammar Parent Workshop

18th January 6:30-7:30pm @ Redmile CE Primary School

After the positive feedback from the maths workshop in the summer term and Mr Jackson's calculations workshops, parents have asked for a workshop focusing on **punctuation and grammar**. Within the English curriculum there is a huge focus on punctuation and grammar at a high standard. The workshop will allow you to support your child at home with confidence. Mrs Longden (Redmile Teacher) and Miss Geeson will lead the session; it will be very informal and flexible – with no test at the end, we promise! This workshop is for adults only, designed to raise your awareness of what your child needs to learn and how we can all help them.

Messy Church



Messy Church takes place at Waltham Church this Sunday 8th January at 10.20am. The theme is the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. All ages welcome. Crafts, songs, discussion, cake, honey..... and edible crickets!

Village Hall Party

Waltham Village Hall Committee are hosting a New Year Family Party on Saturday 14th January 4pm to 7.30pm at Waltham Village Hall. Free Admission, Disco, Children's Entertainer, Face Painting, Games, Bouncy Castle, Raffle. Refreshments and Licensed Bar available. All welcome – Come and join in the fun!

Cross Country

The Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross Country Championships (for years 3/4 and 5/6) take place at Long Field Academy on Saturday 25th February for all Primary Schools in the Melton and Belvoir area. The top ten finishers from each group will go on to represent Melton & Belvoir at the Cross Country Championships being held at Prestwold Hall on Saturday 25 March.

If your child wishes to take part, please email the school office office@waltham.leics.sch.uk and we will forward further details.

Kings School – Year 5 Boys

We have been sent information from the Kings School, Grantham, about registering for their 11+ exams for boys currently in Year 5. If you are interested, please email the school office.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

